

Science and Data Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council Meeting Wednesday June 23, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday June 23, 2021; 1:30pm-4:00pm
Location: Zoom: [Meeting recorded and posted publicly](#).
Physical Location: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive,
Montpelier, VT 05602 in Catamount NL D215
Subcommittee Members Present: TJ Poor, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Julie Moore,
Jared Duval, Jay Shafer, Lou Cecere, Richard Hopkins
State Agency Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Brian Woods, Claire McIlvennie, Meghan
O'Toole, Marian Wolz, Bennet Leon

1:35 Welcome/Agenda Approval, [Approval of 06-09-21 Minutes](#)

- TJ Poor reviewed the agenda and asked for revisions. None were given. Approval of the minutes from the June 9th meeting was postponed to the next meeting.

1:38 Task Lead Updates

- TJ Poor quickly reviewed the current version of [the work plan](#) and requested each of the designated task leads provide an update on the work completed to date.
- Jared Duval provided an update on the GHG inventory review task. The group held a kickoff meeting with the technical consultants to review the RFP and initial steps planned. Jared also proposed to hold an extended public meeting to allow for greater public comment and discussion on the GHG review task. This meeting was proposed for June 30th, 1:30-4:00pm (the subcommittees standing meeting time) with [a draft agenda](#).
 - TJ Poor opened the floor for public comment. George Gross and Steve Crowley provided comment and those comments can be viewed on the video recording [posted online](#).
 - The subcommittee decided to move forward with the extended GHG meeting on June 30th.
- Jay Shafer, Dr. Dupigny-Giroux, Chris Company (from the Just Transitions subcommittee), and Lauren Oates (Cross-Sector Mitigation and Agriculture and Ecosystems subcommittees) provided an update on the task regarding climate data, modeling, and impacts. The group has begun to [develop a framework](#) on how to consider climate mapping, modeling, and planning across areas. Jane Lazorchak suggested the group add a participant from the Rural Resilience and Adaptation given the overlap with their work and Jay indicated they intended to do so.

- Richard Hopkins provided a brief update on the human dimensions and health task, noting he had reached out to Jared Ulmer at the Department of Health.
- TJ Poor provided brief updates on the remainder of the tasks. A kickoff meeting for the carbon budget task is scheduled for the end of the week. SEI has provided an initial cut at a first mitigation pathway from the LEAP model. A kickoff meeting for the social cost of carbon task has been scheduled for the following week.
- TJ Poor requested each task group review and update the timeline in the workplan based on their expected work schedule.

2:48 Public Comment

- George Gross and Steve Crowley provided comment and those comments can be viewed on the video recording [posted online](#).

3:02 Just Transitions Guiding Principles

- TJ Poor asked the subcommittee for thoughts on how they might apply the Just Transitions Guiding Principles in their work going forward.
- Jared Duval reflected they provide a helpful lens to consider the work, for example the social cost of carbon task and the discount rate used (i.e. intergenerational equity). He noted caution regarding the numeric values in the rubric and the potential to lose some qualitative nuance.
- Jane Lazorchak noted they have been thinking about how the principles might be reflected in communications regarding proposed recommendations.
- Jared Duval further offered that he felt the moral imperative of transitioning away from the status quo could be better emphasized. Chris Campany highlighted that had certainly been part of subcommittee discussions, but perhaps wasn't reflected clearly in the draft text.

3:30 Miscellaneous Council Updates (those not addressed above)

- Jared Duval noted the Cross-Sector Mitigation subcommittee would be meeting the following day to discuss recommendations on thermal and electric sectors and recommendations on transportation and non-energy had been presented previously.
- TJ Poor noted that Ali Kosiba, staff support from the Agriculture and Ecosystems subcommittee, has been consulted regarding initial results of the LEAP modeling and the carbon budget projections.

3:37 Public Comment

- TJ Poor opened the floor to public comment. None were offered.

3:40 Adjourn

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